

Tentative Schedule for Development of PS Partnership 2011 Products

A Framework For Science Program Work Planning

By end of 2010

Performance Management including Action Agenda Revision

- Convene interdisciplinary teams, including indicator champions, to advance target setting and results chains for select topics
- Adopt or discuss options for targets for 3 dashboard indicators or key investments
- Specify topics and members of expert groups¹ for Action Agenda performance evaluation

Science Program

- Complete Puget Sound Science Update synthesis and implications for policy makers
- Clarify scope, governance, and timeframes for establishing a coordinated ecosystem monitoring and assessment program via advice of a launch committee
- Begin work to devise PS Partnership's processes for scientific review of products and programs

Other/General

- Set date and outline scope of program for 2011 Salish Sea Conference
- Determine lead organizations and submit proposals to EPA for \$3M per year for each of four topics: control of toxic chemicals and nutrients, control of pathogens, protection and restoration of watershed, protection and restoration of nearshore and marine habitats
- Identify lead organization and receive EPA award for (2 years at) \$3M per year to manage the Action Agenda including: develop and employ performance management system; develop and implement coordinated ecosystem monitoring and assessment program; advance science-policy dialogue and implement and revise biennial science work plans

January-March 2011

Performance Management including Action Agenda Revision

- Adopt PS Partnership targets for 2011: contemplating setting targets for 1 to 8 dashboard indicators, up to 3 key threats, and 2 key investments
- Prepare compiled materials for expert teams: targets, current results chains, PS Science Update implications, PSP direction on priorities, action tracking info, known issues with Action Agenda
- Convene expert groups to refine results chains, clarify actions, and evaluate sufficiency of actions to meet targets

Science Program

- Convene discussions about priority science needs as identified in the 2010 PS Science Update, especially the implications document, and from sources

¹ Open question: how do Action Agenda assessment's "expert groups" relate to performance management's "interdisciplinary teams"? Expert groups might include interdisciplinary teams and groups addressing other pieces of the Action Agenda (e.g., Science Panel for Priority E.3, Washington Invasive Species Council for prevention and restoration to address threats from invasive species)

- Conclude launch committee for coordinated ecosystem monitoring and assessment program
- Adopt PS Partnership processes for scientific review of products and programs

April-June 2011

Performance Management including Action Agenda Revision

- Conclude first iteration of expert groups' refinements of results chains and clarification of actions; review chains and actions within expert communities
- Convene leads from expert groups to look across strategies and actions to identify synergies and conflicts
- Re-convene expert groups to address feedback from the cross-groups discussion and further refine chains and actions

Science Program

- Develop scientific review draft of Biennial Science Work Plan
- Convene steering committee and establish other governance elements of coordinated ecosystem monitoring and assessment program

July-September 2011

Performance Management including Action Agenda Revision

- Assemble proposed updated strategies and actions and begin prioritization via ECB
- Release proposed updated strategies and actions (after Sept LC meeting)

Science Program

- Complete scientific review of BSWP
- Develop stakeholder review draft of BSWP; transmit to staff and LC to incorporate in stakeholder and public review of updated Action Agenda
- Develop charge for (WSAS) review of PS Partnership's strategic science program
- Begin development of Science Panel elements of 2011 State of the Sound, comments on:
 - findings from assessment and monitoring program (ecosystem status & trends)
 - progress implementing the Action Agenda

October-December 2011

Performance Management including Action Agenda Revision

- Conduct public and stakeholder review of proposed updated strategies and actions and 2011-13 BSWP
- Summarize, evaluate, and respond to comments on strategies and actions
- Approval of updated strategies and actions and BSWP by LC
- 2011 State of the Sound published (by 11/1/2011)

Science Program

- Summarize, evaluate, and respond to comments on draft BSWP
- Complete Science Panel elements of 2011 SOS and transmit to staff
- Compile material for (WSAS) review of science program; begin review

Other/General

- Convene 2011 Salish Sea Conference